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Some like it really, really hot

Metro pulled the Hot Wing Challenge together after Smoke-N-Bones Chef Lenard Leblanc challenged restaurants to make a sauce hotter than his. Two London chefs — Troy Metcalfe, an independent, and Joseph Alexander of Kingwest — bit, cooking up the spiciest wings they could muster. Hersey, Metro food critic Paul Mitchell and Metro reporter Angela Mullins judged the wings on flavour and heat. For a look at the competition and to see who won, go to page 3.

School board caught in peanut flutter

Parents advised not to pack lunches containing peanut butter substitutes DBut products are not 'banned,' board insists



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Peanut butter has been a hot-button topic in school lunchrooms for

Now officials in the Thames Valley school district are taking their efforts to protect kids with nut allergies a bit further — a move that doesn't sit well with all parents.

"Ît's hard to send your child with a lunch as it is. It's just getting more and more difficult," parent Heather Koekebakker said. "The peanut butter substitute is easy. Children like it. I don't see why it shouldn't be acceptable."

The school board posted a letter on its website Friday asking that the substitutes be left at home.

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Bill Tucker, the school board's director of education, said it's too hard for staff to differentiate the faux spreads from the real deal.

"Once the product is outside of a container, it's easy to confuse the real thing with the simulated product," Tucker said yesterday. "We don't always have teachers who know the kids. We have lunchroom supervisors, educational assistants or staff from other classes."

The school board began considering the issue last school year after a parent asked a principal if the substitutes were permitted. Board members sent a letter to principals on Sept. 15 advising of the new policy, Tucker said. Parents were notified last week.

Koekebakker, whose eight-yearold son attends school in Wood-

"Some people think we've made a mistake. but we've made a decision on the side of caution."

BILL TUCKER, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION. THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

stock, said the school board should have a little faith that parents won't send peanut butter into

"We know the rules," she said. Tucker said checking every student's lunch before it's removed from a bag, even if it's labelled as containing the substitute, is not a viable option.

"Although parents are vigilant, there have been errors made in the past, and it's better just to keep a clean environment," he said.









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Reflections from Toronto

▶ London woman says Occupy Toronto has a 'festival-like atmosphere' ▶ Estimated 2,000 participated in Saturday arm of protest ▶ Several Londoners aimed to make their voices heard



If you ask Jo-Anne Bishop, the first day of Occupy Toronto was more like a celebration than a rowdy protest.

"There was music, people brought drums, there was dancing," the 38-year-old Londoner said. "Just a lot of new friendships and networks and new connections built. It was pretty neat."

Bishop and other Londoners went to Toronto on Saturday, gathering with other protesters at King and Bay streets and marching to St. James Park. The demonstrators — like those in other major hubs across Canada — were speaking out against what they call a corporate system that favours a wealthy elite and disregards the masses.

The protests in Toronto and elsewhere continued yesterday, with those involved nailing down action plans for the week, especially today when financial districts spring back to life.

Bishop, who returned home on Saturday evening, said her fears of physical violence and chaos reminiscent of the 2010 G20 protests were quickly abated.

"There was no hassle at all — it was a very small police presence," she said. "(The police) were fabulous. I went up to them afterwards and said 'Thank you for being so great,' and they said, 'Thank all of you for being so great.' It was really peaceful."

The protests, Bishop said, are the first step toward change.

"It got attention that 'Hey, we're here, and we just want you to listen,'" she said.

A small group of about 20 protesters gathered here Saturday in Victoria Park to support the larger demonstrations. Police reported no problems.



London Knights feel the Sting

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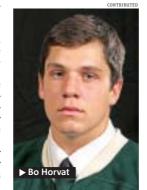
The London Knights travelled to Sarnia yesterday afternoon on tired legs and weary bodies, falling 4-3 to the Sting in their third game of the weekend.

The Knights led Sarnia 3-2 with less than 10 minutes remaining in the third period, a lead undone by lack of discipline and a porous penalty kill.

Two late penalties to Tommy Hughes and Matt Rupert led to two powerplay goals by the Sting, giving Sarnia the victory. The Knights' penalty-kill woes continued as the Sting went 3-for-7 with the man advantage.

Goal scorers for the Knights were Colin Martin, Max Domi and Bo Horvat. Michael Houser stopped 32 shots in the loss.

London went 2-1 over the weekend and their overall record now stands at 8-2.





Weekend wrap

The London Knights played Erie on Friday and faced Guelph on Saturday. Here's how the weekend turned out.

- Friday: London 6, Erie 4.
- Bo Horvat scored the winning goal with about 7 minutes remaining in the game.
- Saturday: London 5, Guelph 1.
- Dane Fox had three points (1G, 2A). Jake Patterson stopped 29 of 30 shots for his first victory of the season.

Police passing out acts of kindness

London police will participate in today's 1,000 Acts of Kindness challenge.

The department plans to perform more than 450 kind acts designed to encourage others to "pay it forward."

The kindness challenge is organized by LUSO Community Services.

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Synchronize at JLC

The world's top synchronized skating teams are coming to the John Labatt Centre. Teams will compete for \$50,000 during the 2011 Synchro in the City, scheduled for Dec. 27 to 29. © METRO

Student housing break-ins on the rise

Students are being reminded to lock their doors and windows as police report an increased number of break-ins near Fanshawe College and

UWO.

The crimes are happening at all hours of the day and electronics are being targeted, police said.

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Man, 19, arrested in Clark Road slaying

- London man picked up by Peel Regional Police
- Arrest warrant calls for suspect to face nine charges



A 19-year-old London man has been arrested in a fatal shooting last Tuesday at 609 Clarke Rd.

Denzel Borden was taken into custody about 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Mississauga, hours after police issued an arrest warrant. The warrant named charges including second-degree murder, possession of a weapon

dangerous to the public peace, unlicensed person possessing an unregistered firearm and possession of a loaded regulated firearm.

Police have said Thi Tran, 40, died after being shot about 2 a.m. in the parking lot of K's Sports Lounge & Grill, which is just south of Oxford Street. Borden is known to frequent Missisauga, police said. Investigators are arranging to have him transported back to London to face the charges.

Two men are still being sought in another shooting this month, which resulted in the death of David Arbuckle, 20.

One of the suspects is described as white, 20 to 23 years old, about five-foot-five and 250 pounds. The man has short brown or blond hair, and was last seen wearing a loose-fitting gray T-shirt, loose jeans and white shoes, police said.

The other man is described as black, 20 to 23



years old and five-foot-eight to six feet tall. He was last was seen wearing a red shirt, possibly shorts and orange and red shoes. Anyone with information about the Arbuckle case is asked to call police.

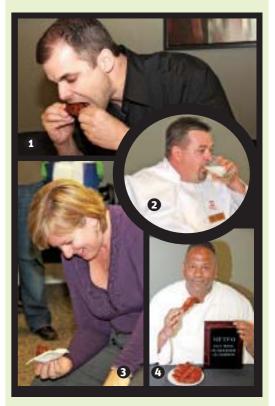


Running to reach \$4K goal

About 100 people — more than double the number who participated last year — braved light rain for the third annual event organized by the Learning Disabilities Association of London Region. The group hoped to raise \$4,000 and had counted \$1,000 worth of online donations yesterday. A final tally is expected today.

Metro Hot Wing Challenge

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Food critic Paul Mitchell bites into a chicken wing Friday during the Metro Hot Wing Challenge. The wings were so hot, chefs asked judges to sign waivers before digging in.

Patrick Hersey, a Fanshawe College chef, takes a gulp of milk, as judges were given slices of bread, milk and water to help stave off the fire in their mouths.

Debbie Hass, a placement consultant at Fanshawe, fights the burn: "It's the hottest freaking thing I've ever put in my mouth."

Kingwest Chef Joseph Alexander was crowned winner — he spent about a week preparing for the contest. • MIKE ARSENAULT





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Could this be just the beginning?

● Many taking part in Occupy Canada movement brave crisp fall weather to camp out at parks

A day after kicking off their movement with loud voices and larger numbers, Canadians who gathered to decry corporate greed and social inequality spent yesterday nailing down their action plan for the coming week through long meetings with smaller groups.

By late yesterday afternoon the numbers of Occupy Canada participants had thinned, but many expected their ranks to swell today as the financial sectors they were protesting reopened.

"Today's going to be a major day for planning a large impact for Monday as a demonstration for (when) the stock exchange opens," said Niko Salassidis, 20, who set up the Occupy Toronto Facebook group.

No trouble yet

➤ The protests across Canada have been orderly so far, marked by cordial relations between police and demonstrators — a sharp contrast to the riots that erupted during last year's G20 demonstrations in Toronto and following Vancouver's Stanley Cup loss in June.

"We plan to make a very large statement."

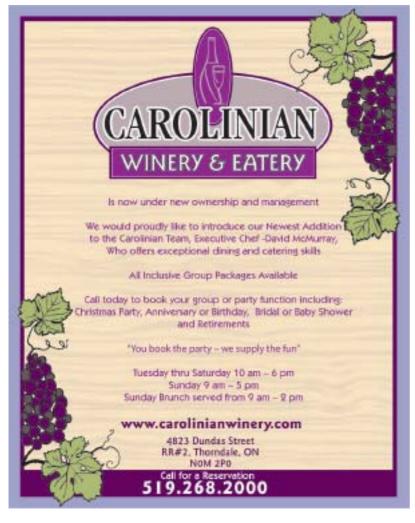
But Bryan Hyshka, 21, a volunteer at Edmonton's downtown camp site, added many of the protesters had to be at work today, so it was unclear how many would be available to continue the protest during the week. THE CANADIAN PRESS











The spy who duped me: Passports abused, memos say

The Russian intelligence service's illegal use of the Canadian passport poses a "troubling threat" to the travel document's integrity, newly released federal memos warn.

Canada "strongly deplores" the exploitation of its passport by Russian agents to establish a spy ring in the United States, say the internal Foreign Affairs Department records.

But it seems Moscow's Cold War-style tactics, exposed last year by U.S. authorities, did little to chill relations with Ottawa.

In fact, the embassy of the Russian Federation said Canadian officials didn't even raise the matter.

Foreign Affairs spokesman Jean-Francois Lacelle declined to discuss the matter, saying only that communication with other countries is confidential

Last year 11 people — four of whom claimed to be Canadian — were indicted on charges of conspiring to act as secret agents in the United States on behalf of the SVR, the Russian Federation's successor to the notorious KGB.

Donald Heathfield and Tracey Foley, who lived together near Boston, admitted to being Andrei Bezrukov and Elena Vavilova. Patricia Mills of Arlington, Va., confessed she was actually Natalia Pereverze-

Bezrukov, Vavilova and Pereverzeva were among those sent back to Moscow after pleading guilty part of a swap for prisoners in Russia

Another man, travelling on a Canadian passport under the name Christopher Metsos, was arrested in Cyprus. But he skipped bail and disappeared.

It's unclear whether Canada ever voiced its concerns to Russian officials and, if it did, what came of any exchanges.

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Several hundred protesters in at least seven U.S. cities supporting the growing Occupy Wall Street movement were arrested over the weekend after refusing to obey police orders to leave public areas, including 175 people at a park in Chicago, where the arrests brought about a new phase of civil disobedience, organizers there said yesterday.

The arrests were mostly peaceful and came as somewhat of a contrast to earlier demonstrations, where protesters took care to follow laws in order to continue protesting Wall Street's role in the financial crisis and other grievances about economic injustice.

Overseas, tens of thousands nicknamed "the indignant" marched in cities across Europe, as the protests that began in New York linked up with longrunning demonstrations against government costcutting and failed financial policies in Europe. Protesters also turned out in Australia, Asia and South Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Global occupation

• 'Banks got bailed out, we got sold out!' chant New York protesters











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Cleaning up

- Rome's mayor said yesterday that it could cost at least \$1.4 million US to recover from the havoc wreaked by rioters who smashed windows, tore up sidewalks and torched vehicles after breaking off from a peaceful protest Saturday.
- The estimate came as cleanup continued in damaged neighbourhoods.
- ➤ The hundreds of rioters infiltrated a march by tens of thousands of demonstrators unhappy about the global financial



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Anti-Gadhafi forces tear down compound

Libyans eager to move on after decades of repression
 Fighting persists on two fronts and tensions remain

Libyan revolutionary forces bulldozed the green walls surrounding Moammar Gadhafi's main Tripoli compound yesterday, saying it was time "to tear down this symbol of tyranny."

The sprawling, fortresslike compound known as Bab al-Aziziya has long been hated by Libyans who feared to even walk nearby during Gadhafi's more than four decades in power and its capture was seen as a turning point in the civil war as revolutionaries overran the capital in late August.

Ahmad Ghargory, commander of a revolutionary brigade, said the area will be turned into a public park accessible to all



Libyans.

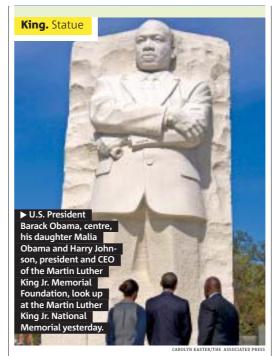
"It's the revolutionary decision to tear down this symbol of tyranny," Ghargory said.

"We were busy with the war, but now we have the space to do this."

Already, the courtyard in front of Gadhafi's former house, which he used for many fiery speeches trying to rally supporters during the uprising, has been turned into a weekly market. Tripoli residents roam the premises as if at a museum, with vendors selling revolutionary flags and other souvenirs.

However, the continued instability has delayed efforts by the transitional leadership to move forward with efforts to hold elections and establish democracy.

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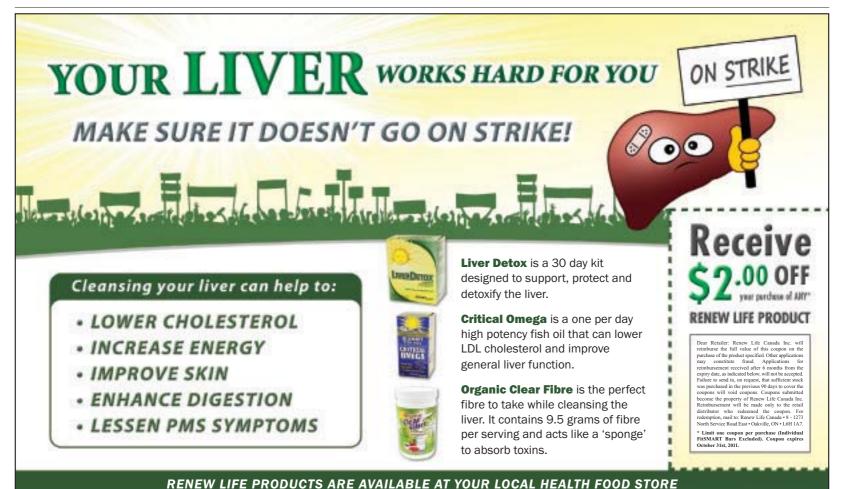
Dr. Martin Luther King was a man who "stirred our conscience" and made the union "more perfect," U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday.

Gay U.S. troops attend national convention

Nearly four weeks after the U.S. lifted its "don't ask, don't tell" policy banning open service by gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, stories of secret-shedding, relief and acceptance were swapped Saturday at the first-ever national convention of gay military personnel on active duty.

Each of the 200 or so sailors, soldiers, Marines and airmen attending the conference put on by the formerly clandestine group known as OutServe had, to varying degrees, only recently revealed their sexual orientations at work. None had got a reaction worse than a shrug. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

65k Estimates of the number of gay troops range from 47,000 to 65,000.



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Conquering Parliament Hill an uphill battle for RIM

Even technology minister has iPad instead of Playbook

Gaining ground in the Apple-dominated tablet computer market has been akin to pushing a rock up a mountain for Research in Motion.

And there's a hill they're at risk of dying on: Parliament Hill.

Political Ottawa remains addicted to RIM's signature BlackBerry smartphone, but when it comes to which tablet computers to adopt, Apple's iPad is the favoured

son

Conservative MP Peter Braid is one of the only MPs who uses RIM's Playbook instead.

It's an obvious choice, as Braid represents Water-loo, Ont., where RIM is based.

When BlackBerry service went down around the world last week, it wasn't just the company who felt the slap. Local residents, as well as Canadians across the country, take personal

pride in the fact the device that even the U.S. president couldn't live without comes from Canada.

Even in the wake of the service meltdown, Braid said, people still remain confident in the company.

And when it comes to the tablet, he's hoping to try to convert over more fellow parliamentarians.

In choosing the iPad over the Playbook, MPs are reflecting a larger trend.

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Torstar boosts stake in Metro

Torstar Corp., the parent company of the Toronto Star, has boosted its interest in Metro, the free newspaper chain that publishes in cities across Canada.

Torstar announced Friday it has paid \$51.5 mil-

lion to increase its stake to 90 per cent in Free Daily News Group, which publishes Metro in Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and London, Ont. Under a separate joint venture with Transcontinental Media G.P., it also publishes in Halifax.

"This is exciting news,"

said Bill McDonald, president of Metro English Canada. "Metro has carved a significant space in the national media landscape, and through the enhanced support of Torstar, our majority shareholder, we're looking forward to even greater growth."

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1 CHOOSE SOMETHING YOU LOVE. You are going to spend countless hours starting and growing your business. It's vital to love your work, whether it's selling insurance, running a photography studio or cutting hair.

SAVE MONEY FIRST. Don't start your business just using loans from family, friends and banks; it can take years to turn a profit before you can repay them. Instead, save as much money as possible upfront, even if it extends your launch date.

RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH.
You will need to become an expert on your industry, products and services. To do so, join related industry or professional associations.

DRAFT A BUSINESS PLAN. For most small businesses, the most important parts of this plan are the break-even analysis, a profit-andloss forecast and a cash-flow projection. It also helps project start-up costs and marketing strategies.

DON'T QUIT YOUR DAY JOB. If there is no conflict of interest and you can manage it, keep your full-time job while you lay the foundation of your business. You might as well enjoy getting regular paycheques and paid vacations as long as you can.

FIND CLIENTS/CUSTOMERS FIRST.
Start lining them up before you have officially launched. Network, offer a few free services or products — you can't start marketing too soon.

HIRE GOOD STAFF. Choose outstanding employees, then create a happy and stable workplace so they will want to perform well and stick around.

EMBRACE SOCIAL MEDIA. At the very least, companies should have a website that describes who they are and their services and products. It's becoming de rigueur for businesses to be on Facebook and Twitter, too.

9 ADOPT A CAUSE. Consumers appreciate businesses that support good causes. Everyone wins: The customers; the charities; and the businesses.

PAY YOUR BILLS AND TAXES ON TIME. In doing so, you will gain trust and build a positive credit profile. For small businesses, reputation is everything. — Jane Doucet

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of limb and zenned out to the extreme - right? Sure, some yoga classes cater to that type of individual, but yoga is for everyone, or at least that's the mission of Ekaterina Nikiforova. She

started the Downtown Yoga Holistic Centre as part of her Dundas Street retail establishment, The Organic Oscars. It sells ethically manufactured clothing, ecofriendly personal and household products and locally made crafts and jewelry.

One of Nikiforova's goals with the store and studio was to offer yoga to everyone, without physical or financial barriers. She offers an unemployment rate of \$25.00 per month for those who can't afford to pay the regular fare. "I opened just as the recession hit and I want to make yoga accessible to everyone. We don't ask for proof; we just trust people," explains Nikiforova.

Her plan to offer wheelchair yoga was implemented recently. Because the studio is wheelchair accessible, Nikiforova thought that it would fill a need in the community as it's not offered elsewhere. "It's a niche thing.

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> world." LISA HOPKINS

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Most other studios aren't wheelchair accessible, so I wanted to offer it to them (those who use wheelchairs due to a mental or physical disability) and they can ben-

Teacher Lisa Hopkins takes the four to six weekly participants through a series of gentle stretches. There's no downward dog or child's pose for this class, as they stay in their chairs and are assisted by helpers.

Hopkins, a yoga teacher for 15 years who teaches all kinds of classes to specialneeds people in different studios, says she uses Raja yoga methods for this class. 'It's really yogic massage and breathing. We don't do poses (but rather) modified

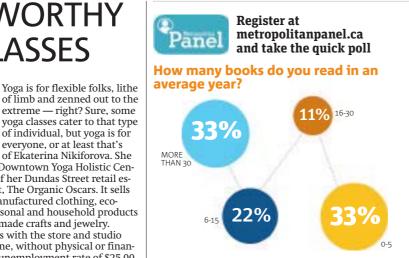
flows, a series of movements put together to increase mobility and bring ease to the joints in the body," she ex-

Sandra Regalo regularly attends these hour-long Friday-morning sessions. She has cerebral palsy and finds the classes help her to focus. "I like the exercises," she says. "It's relaxing to focus my mind on something else (besides pain)." She feels that it improves both her mental and physical health.

That's the goal for both Hopkins and Nikiforova. For Hopkins, this is a volunteer position, and Nikiforova only charges the minimum rate for the wheelchair yoga class. They plan to start a class for "round bodies," says Nikiforova, "for people size 16 and above." In addition to those for seniors and kids, they already offer in a long line of specialized classes.

'I think I get more out of it than they do. It brings me great joy and takes me through the week. This is a special group with an open mind and an open heart; (they are) not influenced by the junk out in the world," explains Hopkins.

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Local tweets



@jvgrigg: Enjoyed great

Dim Sum at Dragon Court Restaurant #ldnont london ontario

- @bethstanley23: The night before's make rough morning after's so worth it #secondyearschwasted #uwo
- @lee_mac_13: It looks like a tornado of food&alcohol went through these hallways.. Welcome to the zoo #uwo #winning
- @allysoneckel: There's a guy on my bus talking to himself in a girl's voice... #ldnont

@inkscrblr:

@seemummyjuggle Well I was shocked to get home to #Idnont and find it really cold. Big temperature dip. #BlissdomCanada

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- @jameswilk: Where is the sun #LDNont?
- @blemlife: If I tweeted everything that was goin on here It would make a couple ppl embarrased...#smh...#uwo. ..#heauxz
- @CourtneyHudder: First thing a guy said to me at a bus stop: "good god you're short." Nice to meet you too #ldnont

Worth Mentioning

California's largest industry group for doctors is calling for the legalization of marijuana even as it maintains that the drug has few proven health benefits.

Trustees of the California Medical Association adopted the new stance at its annual meeting in Anaheim, according to a Los Angeles Times

Dr. Donald Lyman, the physician who wrote the group's new policy, said doctors are increasingly frustrated by the state's medical marijuana law, which allows use with a doctor's recommendation. Physicians are put in the uncomfortable position of having to decide whether to recommend a drug that's illegal under federal law, Lyman said.

"It is an open question whether cannabis is useful or not," he told the newspaper. "That question can only be answered once it is legalized and more research is done."

The CMA acknowledges health risks associated with marijuana use and proposes regulation similar to alcohol and tobacco

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Photo of the day

WEIRD NEWS

Don't throw yourself in my backyard

Hundreds of Toronto-area residents have signed a petition listing grievances with the Parachute School of Toronto including roaring noise, noxious fumes and rogue skydivers landing on their properties.

"If they wreck anything," says resident Paul Nicholls, "say they land in vour Azaleas and destroy them, that's criminal trespass.'

Recently, Nicholls went to Georgina

town hall to present the petition, signed by 200 other aggravated Georginians, and lobby for change. A town-council report on the matter is expected early next week.

The school has been operating since 1974, though it used to run out of Arthur, Ont. In 2002, it relocated in Georgina — north of Toronto — to be closer to its Toronto customers. It runs from May to October, from 9 a.m. to sunset, five days a week, during which some thousand flights take place.

Of the 400 jumps conducted weekly, Adam Mabee, president of the parachute school, says just a couple of skydivers miss their target, the airport. The worst damage was to an awning and he paid the repairs.

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The robot boxers of Real Steel and the dancers of Footloose are in a tight fight for the box-office title. Real Steel came in barely ahead of the remake Footloose, which opened with \$16.1 million. The movies are close enough that they could switch rankings once final numbers are released today. Universal's horror update The Thing opened at No. 3 with \$8.7 mil-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gaga does Marilyn

Lady Gaga channels Marilyn Monroe at concert honouring Bill Clinton's foundation

Lady Gaga enjoyed her "first real Marilyn moment" with former President Bill Clinton.

The envelope-pushing pop superstar was one of several musicians who performed Saturday night at the Hollywood Bowl during a concert celebrating the 10th anniversary of Clinton's foundation, which has sought to improve global health, strengthen economies worldwide, promote healthier childhoods and protect the environment for the past decade.

"I always wanted to have one, and I was hoping that it didn't involve pills and a strand of pearls," Gaga joked

Emerging from atop an all-white treehouse, Lady Gaga sported a wavy blonde 'do and red lips like Marilyn Monroe, who famously crooned Happy Birthday, Mr. President to President John F. Kennedy in 1962. Lady Gaga similarly serenaded Clinton and changed several of her lyrics to reference him, including swapping the title of Bad Romance for Bill Romance.

"I thought, 'My God. I get Lady Gaga, and I will have a heart attack celebrating my 65th birthday,'" Clinton later said.

Clinton, who turned 65 on Aug. 19 but celebrated his birthday at a posh Hollywood party Friday night, sat between wife Hillary



and daughter Chelsea in the front row throughout Saturday's event at the outdoor venue set against the Hollywood Hills. Other famous attendees included Maria Bello, Ashton Kutcher, Jason Segel, Ellen De-Generes, Colin Farrell and Chevy Chase.

"I am the only person in history who got to be President and then had a postpresidential birthday party attended by both Lady Gaga and the Secretary of State," Clinton joked on stage. "I want to thank Hillary because we met 40 years ago this year. When I met her, she was already doing the kind of work you see here long before it was cool."

Other performers included Motown legend Stevie Wonder, country star Kenny Chesney, Toronto rapper K'Naan, Colombian crooner Juanes and R&B singer Usher.

Usher kicked off his performance with a take on Joe Cocker's rendition of the Beatles classic With a Little Help From My Friends before launching into his hits Yeah and OMG. The R&B singer accidently split his pant legs while

\$50 to \$500

 Ticket prices for A Decade of Difference: A Concert Celebrating 10 Years of the William J. Clinton Foundation, which was streamed live on Yahoo.com, ranged from \$50 to \$550.

dancing to reveal his bare left leg. The wardrobe malfunction didn't stop Usher, who continued with his routine, telling the crowd: "I work hard."

Bono and The Edge of U2 closed the concert with a mostly acoustic set that included such tunes as Desire, One and Sunday Bloody Sunday, which Bono sang directly to Clinton.

The duo — who were accompanied by a string quartet and Edge's laptop — closed with Miss Sarajevo. Bono tackled the operatic part of the tune originally sung by the late Luciano Pavarotti.

Clinton himself is no stranger to performing. saxophone-playing politician memorably belted out Heartbreak Hotel when he visited Arsenio Hall's show during his 1992 presidential campaign. Clinton didn't pick up the instrument Saturday night, despite a plea from Lady Gaga, who informed him: "I wish you were playing sax with me tonight, baby. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Future is funny for Lopez

• Comedian George Lopez is hard at work creating a new family sitcom

Comedian George Lopez said he is creating a new family-orientated sitcom where he will play a father and husband, vowing to return to television less than two months after TBS cancelled his late-night show Lopez Tonight.

Lopez told The Associat-

Lopez told The Associated Press his now untitled show "will be the opposite" of George Lopez, the syndi-

cated television sitcom that aired on ABC from 2002 to 2007 and made him a household name.

He also plans to star in his third live HBO standup special next year, his first since 2009.

Viewership for his latenight show on TBS declined heavily in its second year.

He says the show suf-

fered after he lost his 11 p.m. ET time slot to Conan O'Brien. He said TBS' plan was for Lopez to go on after O'Brien at midnight and win over O'Brien's young viewers.

Instead, Lopez's total viewership dropped 40 per cent in its second year, from an average of 910,000 nightly viewers to 543,000. By August, the audience

had dropped to 391,000.

The comedian said it is unfortunate his show was cancelled because there are few minority hosts on latenight television.

"I was heartbroken. Latenight talk show needs diversity," actress Eva Longoria told the AP of the cancellation. She attended a charity gala with Lopez in Las Vegas Saturday night.



Lopez, who often lampoons his Mexican heritage and upbringing, said there will not be a grandmother figure on his new show. On George Lopez, Lopez often verbally sparred with an actress who played his mother.

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The death rattles of Ashton and Demi's marriage?

Moving truck spotted outside the couple's home Sources speculate that Ashton might me movin' out

Rumours of an impending split between Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore jumped into overdrive late last week when a moving truck was seen pulling up to the couple's Los Angeles home, according to Us Weekly.

The moving company, Wetzel & Sons, would not divulge any information about the job.

While it's unclear which of the two might be vacating the premises, sources speculate Kutcher would be the one kicked to the curb.

"Demi is humiliated," a source says. "She loves him. but can't forgive him for the embarrassment he has



I'm straight,

Taylor Lautner tells Aussie GO

Taylor Lautner is going on

the record about his sexu-

ality after being quizzed

by the Australian edition

of GQ about a recent

night out with director

Gus Van Sant and writer

Dustin Lance Black, both of whom are openly gay.

When asked if either of

the men hit on him, Laut-

Twilight star said that the

meeting was all business.

that there was a writer, a

director and an actor at

"It's not a coincidence

ner said, "No, definitely

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Bradley Cooper may be keeping date with J.Lo on the down low

Bradley Cooper stepped out recently with a woman who looked a lot like Jennifer Lopez, though she was going to great lengths to shield herself from photographers, according to Us Weekly.

A source close to Lopez says it was in fact the American Idol judge meeting up with the Hangover star, getting together again after a dinner date in New York last month.

"After their date in New York, Bradley and Jennifer stayed in touch," the source says. "She does like his attention, and it makes her



feel good that he seems so into her. She has a fun time with Bradley and he makes her laugh.'

Whitney has a 'diva' moment



dant fasten the seatbelt for her. "What can I say? She's Whit-Houston. She can be a dia source close to Houston

"But she's clean and sober and filming a movie and was rushing back to set from a charievent."

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Sucking – sucks?

• A thumb or pacifier may bring peace to your household but what are the implications?



swaddled and You've shushed, but your baby's still howling at 3 a.m. So vou reach for a pacifier, or encourage thumb sucking. Is this "OK" parenting?

Thumb versus pacifier use is an issue that divides parents. Thumb-sucking is a natural behaviour found not just in humans but in primates as well. Children have been observed thumbsucking in the womb. Pacifier proponents believe keeping your baby calm when he or she is crying for

no reason is better for his or her psychological wellbeing

There are genuine positives: Pacifier use is believed to reduce the prevalence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. You can also control when your baby uses it (which you can't do with a thumb) and when it's time to end nonnutritive sucking (NNS) as it's termed — a pacifier can be thrown out, another thing you can't do with a thumb.

The downside is that if your baby becomes dependent on it, you'll be up throughout the night to

"Sucking on soothers can lead to ... an open bite and difficulties closing the lips."

DR. SARAH HULLAND

pop it back in. Later, it becomes a physical barrier to speech.

So while this sanity-saver seems like a good option, NNS can have serious implications for a child's growth.

"The greater the amount of time during the day that the child engages in nonnutritive sucking, the greater the forces that the growing bones and associated soft tissues will be exposed to," explains Dr. Sarah Hulland, a paediatric dentist and former president of the Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. "In turn (this) can cause a change in the relationship of the oro-motor complex, so how the mouth is shaped, how the dentition inter-relates, how the lips can close, how the tongue behaves in the mouth (can be affected)."

Hulland warns that soother sucking should be limited to settling your baby. "Sucking on soothers can lead to significant restructuring of the oro-facial

complex, which usually manifests itself as an open bite where the front teeth don't meet. This can lead to difficulties closing the lips and a tongue thrust."

In response, pacifier producers are now creating more ergonomic soothers. But getting kids to stop can be tricky. "The easiest way to stop pacifier sucking is to keep soother-access to essential-use only," explains Hulland. "And for thumb suckers, remove thumb from a child's mouth or replace it with an alternative comforter. As a last resort. dentists can fix a barrier in the mouth?

Child safety



Sue Rainville, director of marketing for window fashions manufacturer Hunter Douglas, offers tips to make your home safe.

- Use window guards on all windows above the first floor. Screens aren't strong enough to stop the fall. Look for quickrelease features for easy emergency exits
- To keep windows open for ventilation, install locks that limit the opening's size.
- For sliding glass doors, apply bright stickers at a child's eye level to alert him or her to the presence of glass.
- Be sure to keep all furniture and cribs away from windows. **NEWS CANADA**



Adults who suck their thumbs

thumb, Amy Winehouse had been pictured doing it, and soccer hero Robinho pretends to suck his thumb after a goal.

"In adults, when growth is essentially complete, the correction of the bite can still be orthodontically managed, but the result is more difficult to achieve and the possibility for relapse, both in the bite and the habit, are higher," says Dr. Sarah Hulland, a paediatric den-

Dental health aside. NNS in adulthood can be socially awkward: "I stopped worrying about it," says one thumb sucker, a high-flying international development consultant.

"I think to myself, 'It's not doing any harm to anyone'. But it is a problem if I'm sleeping next to a new partner. It's pretty weird to see an adult wake up sucking their thumb.



A wow-provoking dinner starter

Ingredients:

- 1 lb (500 g) large peeled uncooked shrimp (about 24)
- 4 tsp (20 mL) olive oil
- 2 sliced garlic cloves
- Pinches salt
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) chopped

Peanut sauce

- 1/3 cup (75 mL) peanut butter
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) lime juice
- 2 to 3 tsp (10 to 15 mL) hot sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) soy sauce
- 2 tsp (10 mL) finely grated peeled ginger
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 1 ripe but firm mango
- 24 mini scoop shaped tortilla chips
- · Garnish: coriander leaves

Seared Shrimp Tortilla Bites boast hint of sweetness

Preparation:

If using frozen shrimp, thaw and pat dry well. Discard tail shell, if still on. Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium-

high heat. Add shrimp, garlic and salt. Stir-fry until shrimp is pink, about 4 minutes. Toss with coriander. Refrigerate to cool or cover and refrigerate overnight.

Stir peanut butter with lime juice, hot sauce, soy sauce, ginger and garlic. Stir in a little water if needed until a thick sauce-like consistency. Sauce can be made a couple of days in advance then covered and refrigerated.

Peel mango and cut fruit from pit. Dice into 1/2inch (1.5 cm) pieces. Just before serving, assemble bites. Spoon about 1 to 1-1/2 tsp (5 to 7 mL) peanut sauce into tortilla scoop. Top with a shrimp, mango piece and coriander leaf if using. Repeat with remaining shrimp. You may have a bit of sauce leftover depending on the number of shrimp you

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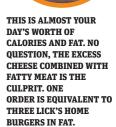


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like \$4,000 to \$5,000. And

that depends on how easy

now — allows it to be used for toilets without purification," Burgess says.

"That's a nice way to save money — and water — 12 months a year."

That requires a tank, underground in most of Canada, where it can be protected from freezing.

"The underground tanks are more expensive. You're probably spending \$2,000 on the tank, and another \$1,000 on the pump. By and large, you're looking at more

it is. If it's a brand new house, it would be really easy."

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Pursuit of success was no cakewalk

• Rosalind Chan's turning point came when she traded in her corporate cubicle for a career as a cake artisan

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Rosalind Chan is an international superstar in the cake decorating world.

As a new immigrant

from Malaysia she gave up a corporate career in Canada to go after her passion for cake artistry full-time. To give up her big salary and start her own company was a hard step to take.

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dian shop called Sugar Tiers in Markham, Ont., and was thrilled to be inducted into the Wilton

Cake Decorating Hall of Fame.

"I want to expand in Canada and branch out to more countries. I want to share my passion and give back to society by teaching in women's shelters. But my biggest goal is to write my first book."

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Could Facebook make or break a hire?

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It's no secret that your social networking site can be your own worst enemy. However, Reppler, a company that will get rid of all the dirt in your profile for you, conducted a survey that shows just how influential your social networking sites really are when job searching.

A whopping 91 per cent of employers will check out your social networking sites during the hiring process and about 47 per cent will get right to it as soon as you turn in an application. The most frequently checked sites are Facebook, Twitter and Linked In

An alarming 69 per cent

of those employers have actually rejected a job candidate because of something they saw on their social networking site.

The main reasons those candidates got rejected were because they lied about their qualifications, posted inappropriate photos (no surprise there), demonstrated poor communication skills (we know you only get 140

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Hoping for another chance

Tigers say they can contend again next year after being eliminated by Rangers in ALCS

Moments after the Detroit Tigers were eliminated from the AL championship series, Alex Avila was already looking forward to the future.

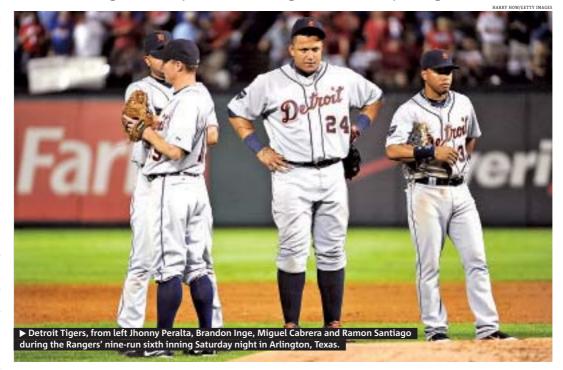
The Detroit catcher figures his team will have every opportunity to return to the playoffs next year. The Tigers won the AL Central by 15 games this season and have a nucleus that includes Justin Verlander, Miguel Cabrera and a number of other key contributors who are expected back in 2012.

"We've got a good core of guys," Avila said. "The starting rotation is good. There are a lot of young guys who've got good experience from this season. Our team is set up well for next year."

Detroit beat the New York Yankees in the division series before falling to Texas in the ALCS, unable to contain the Rangers in a 15-5 loss in the clinching Game 6 on Saturday night.

The Tigers were built to contend this season, and new additions Victor Martinez and Joaquin Benoit made valuable contributions. Detroit pulled away in the AL Central with a 12-game September winning streak. Verlander won 24 games and could take both the Cy Young and MVP awards. Cabrera won the batting title.

It was Detroit's first division title since winning the AL East in 1987, but the Tigers couldn't quite match their post-season success of



2006, when they went all the way to the World Series as a wild card.

"This team gave every single thing they had, every ounce of energy. I just couldn't be prouder of them," manager Jim Leyland said.

Verlander led the AL in wins, ERA and strikeouts, and Cabrera hit .344 with 30 homers and 105 RBIs. Martinez, the team's new designated hitter, hit a career-high .330 and drove in 103 runs.

Closer Jose Valverde didn't blow a save opportunity



"I'm not going into the off-season disappointed at all."

TIGERS MANAGER JIM LEYLAND

all year.

With Verlander, Cabrera and a talented young rotation, Detroit should be able to contend for a post-season spot again next year.

On the way out?

The Tigers will have a few decisions to make.

Outfielder Magglio
Ordonez and second baseman Carlos Guillen made a
combined \$23 million US
this season, but neither
was healthy enough to
contribute much and it's
possible they won't return
to the team.

Avila was perhaps the team's most encouraging surprise this year, hitting .295 with 19 homers during the regular season. He struggled during the playoffs while playing hurt, highlighting the need for Detroit to carry a dependable backup catcher who can allow Avila to rest on occasion.

"It was tough and we had a long grind," Leyland said. "Unfortunately, we have a long time to rest up, about 10 days or so more than I would have liked, but we'll come back to spring training and get back to work."

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41 Comic Caroline

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49 Stuff you need

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53 "To be or — ...

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55 Nuisance

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4 Life's work

5 Halloween outfits 6 Burma's first prime minister

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7 Reveille's opposite 8 Medal earners

10 Halt 11 — d'oeuvre 17 Aliens, for short

19 Coaster 22 Madagascar primate

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9 Disney employee

24 "Heln!" 25 Suffix with press

26 Replaces in the TV

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48 Go up

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Sudoku

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How to play

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everything. CRAZY <4 UI

andv hey andikins I know weve only been together for a short period of time but I just wanna say tht I will always be there, if u need someone or if U need a gr8t big Hug just bbm me and I'll be there.



Today's horoscope

T Aries March 21-April 20 Life is a great adventure or it is nothing, so get out there and make your mark on the world

¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 Start thinking now about ways you can make the second half better than

II Gemini May 22-June 21

There is no limit to what you can accomplish, so don't limit your vi-

Gancer June 22-July 22 You have wasted enough emotional and intellectual energy on senseless disputes.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 You seem to have missed out on a promising opportunity, simply because you were too stubborn to admit that someone else's idea was better than your own.

My Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Stand up for what you believe in and don't let anyone, no matter how powerful, tell you that you have no right to your own opinions.

← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The Sun remains in your birth sign only until next weekend, so make the most of the next few days.

M Scorpio oct. 24-Nov. 22 Recent events have been anything

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but easy and there will be more challenges over the next few days. ✓ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec.

21 You cannot change other people, you can only live well and be a ood example

B Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Make a special effort today to put some distance between yourself and a group of people who have clearly misled you

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There is still time to make your

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